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Clerk Christenson Condemns Supreme Court Decision to Disallow Use of Drop Boxes

MILWAUKEE – County Clerk George Christenson issued the following statement today in response to the Wisconsin Supreme Court's <u>decision</u> in Teigen v. Wisconsin Elections Commission:

"This unfortunate and erroneous decision from the Wisconsin Supreme Court today impedes democracy, but my office will work closely with municipalities to ensure as much access to the polls as possible, within the limits of the law," said Milwaukee County Clerk George L. Christenson. "Drop boxes have been widely utilized across our country for years. They are monitored, secure, and provide citizens a way to cast their ballot safely."

In her dissenting opinion, Justice Ann Walsh Bradley wrote that the majority "blithely and erroneously seeks to sow distrust in the administration of our elections and through its faulty analysis erects yet another barrier for voters to exercise this 'sacred right.'"

An <u>Associated Press review</u> of every potential case of voter fraud in the six battleground states where former President Donald Trump is still disputing results, including Wisconsin, found fewer than 475 cases, a number so low it would have made no difference in the 2020 presidential election.

Under the ruling, it would be illegal for someone — even a caregiver or family member — to return an absentee ballot for another person. According to <u>Jenny Neugart</u>, of the Wisconsin Board For People With Developmental Disabilities, there are more than 80,000 people in the state with physical disabilities like cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy or spinal cord injuries that prevent them from physically putting their own absentee ballots in the mail.